

MINUTES of a meeting of the **Environment and Community Development Committee** held in the Council Chambers, 175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu, on **Thursday 28 April 2011** commencing at 9.00am.

PRESENT:

Cr	P Gaylor	(Chairperson)
Mayor	J Rowan	
Deputy Mayor	R Booth	
Cr	D Ammundsen	
Cr	T Lloyd	
Cr	R Church	
Cr	T Lester	
Cr	P Ellis	
Cr	H Wooding	
Cr	K Gurunathan	

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr	A Webster	(Chair, Paekākāriki Community Board)
Mr	D Moselen	(Chair, Ōtaki Community Board)
Mr	M Scott	(Chair, Waikanae Community Board)
Mr	P Dougherty	(Chief Executive)
Mr	B Goedhart	(Group Manager, Corporate Services)
Ms	S Johnson	(Strategic Projects Analyst, Strategy & Partnerships)
Mr	J Kilbride	(Policy Planner, Strategy & Partnerships)
Mr	R Cross	(Biodiversity Advisor)
Ms	K Buchanan	(Leisure & Open Space Technical Officer)
Ms	B Pashby	(Executive Secretary, Strategy & Partnerships)
Ms	D Geerling	(Democratic Services Advisor)

The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and declared it open.

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APOLOGIES

MOVED (Church/Wooding)

Apologies were received by Cr Cardiff, Louella Jensen and Jocelyn Prvanov.

CARRIED

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PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

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PRESENTATION BY BRUCE NESBITT ON WATER ESSAY COMPETITION

The winner of the essay competition was Nick Flaws. Nick is working with the Council to produce a DVD on the Water Management Internship to promote sponsorship of the internship for next year. The internship is open to students over 15 years of age from Kapiti with the aim of educating the community about water.

The DVD was presented to the Council and will be presented to the senior leadership team and to the three colleges in Kapiti.

Deputy Mayor Booth offered his support and assistance to promote the internship.

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PRESENTATION BY KAPITI MENZSHED

Nigel Clough of Menzshed made a presentation, requesting funds to increase the space available to the group and to include a kitchen and common areas which they could share with the community and other groups. The group has a membership of 58 retired men with various skills and trades who through the group can continue to utilise their abilities to contribute to the community.

Mayor Rowan asked Mr Clough's presentation be treated as a submission to the Annual Plan.

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PRESENTATION ON NZ PLANT CONSERVATION AWARD

Biodiversity Advisor, Mr Rob Cross told the Council that they had won a New Zealand Plant Conservation Network Award for Protecting Native Plant Life in late 2010. The category was Local Authority Protecting Native Plant Life. The citation made specific mention of the Council's progressive direction towards preserving and improving local biodiversity.

The Council congratulated Mr Cross.

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CHAIRPERSON'S/MEMBERS' BUSINESS

- (a) Public Speaking Time Responses – there were none.
- (b) Leave of Absence – there were none requested.
- (c) Matters of an Urgent Nature – there were none.
- (d) Declarations of Interest Relating to Items on the Agenda – there were none.

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED (Gurunathan/Church)

That the minutes of the 17 March 2011 meeting of the Environment and Community Development Committee be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

MOVED (Ammundsen/Ellis)

That the minutes of the reconvened 24 March 2011 meeting of the Environment and Community Development Committee be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

ECD 11/04/032
APPLICATION TO OCCUPY SPACE ON LAND AT REIKORANGI DOMAIN, GOLD COAST
WESTERN RIDING CLUB (CS-11-141)

Kasey Buchanan spoke to her report. Cr Lester asked why there was no right of renewal and why is it only a five year term as there are no other plans for the land? A ten year lease would be explored with the Department of Conservation.

MOVED (Ellis/Ammundsen)

That the Environment and Community Development Committee give approval for Council to enter into a concession for 5 years or more, commencing 1 January 2010 with the Department of Conservation and the Gold Coast Western Riding Club for the 3.6 hectares of land at Reikorangi Domain shown in Appendix one to report CS-11-141.

CARRIED

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OTHER BUSINESS

Raumati Pool Update

Lex Bartlett provided an update on the Raumati Pool renovations. The sealant in the pool had failed, and a fault in a pipe was found. Once remedied, the pool was refilled and pressurised. A large visible new leak from a fractured pipe was discovered. The pool needed to be re-drained in order to repair the fractured pipe.

The Committee was concerned about the on-going costs of this pool. Mr Bartlett assured the Committee that any repairs will be justified before being undertaken.

ECD 11/04/034

KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL SUBMISSION TO GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL'S DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2011-12 (SP-11-206)

Sue Johnson spoke to the report covering transport, safety and flood protection, land management, community and finance highlighting the concerns the Council has.

The Council made several suggestions:

- write a background statement ahead of the introduction, reminding them of our population, growth predictions and economic development;
- stronger wording throughout;
- the possibility of a Raumati rail stop, given Muri will be closed;
- if rail is not the option taken to link Waikanae to Ōtaki, that there is a transport link option to Ōtaki;
- request that upgrading the rail from Waikanae to Ōtaki is added to GWRC ten year plan;
- the possibility of a Te Horo rail stop;
- include statistics to the Ōtaki public transport review;
- request community input into Ōtaki transport needs;
- under environmental enhancement of river corridors, include the items that will be done with the allocated money;
- that the district “needs” a cycle route through Queen Elizabeth Park;
- include a comment about the printing press in Queen Elizabeth Park;
- the Council will speak at the hearing;
- include rabbits as a growing problem under pest management;
- include a statement about the inequity related to the transport rate review;
- specify under flood protection infrastructure Mangaone Stream, and Ōtaki Lakes planting plans;
- re-express the Council’s concern that the GWRC has not been putting in submissions to NZTA on the expressway;
- add a relationships section, positively stating the Council looks forward to opportunities for sharing services and working closer together;
- include a request as part of their annual plan process, to return information on the expenditure in our community;
- include forestry as a topic the Council would like to work closely with GWRC for the future.

MOVED (Ellis/Ammundsen)

That the Environment and Community Development Committee approves the submission to Greater Wellington Regional Council’s Annual Plan 2011-12 (Appendix 1), subject to changes requested by the Committee.

CARRIED

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KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL SUBMISSION - PROPOSED NATIONAL POLICY
STATEMENT ON INDIGENOUS BIODIVERSITY (SP-11-190)

Policy Planner, Mr James Kilbride and Mr Rob Cross spoke to their report. The National Policy Statement (NPS) on Indigenous Biodiversity was discussed at a recent District Plan Review workshop. Mr Kilbride highlighted what the NPS is proposing to achieve:

- bring more clarity to the role of local government in biodiversity management under the RMA
- supporting existing good work
- encourage local authorities that are operating below best practice to enhance their efforts
- help decision-makers appropriately balance the protection of biodiversity

The Council's submission highlights the following points:

- seek stronger protection of indigenous biodiversity;
- remove the concept of offsetting;
- clarify definitions.

The Council requested the following points be included:

- the Council are totally opposed to the concept of offsetting in the NPS and this should be emphasised;
- Para 14, Policy 1 should be turned into a statement and talk about "protection", "maintenance" and "restoration";
- paragraph three could be strengthened for more partnership with iwi;
- that it is confirmed the Department of Conservation are putting in their own submission;
- that an introduction is added;
- the Council wishes to speak to their submission;
- the Council want to add to the submission that a remit would be submitted to Local Government New Zealand;
- add bold language e.g. "alarmed" and "fundamentally flawed" to the submission;
- if the Ministry of the Environment are removing the right to submit to a proper process, then the Council would seek meetings with the Minister to express their concerns;
- the Council are very passionate about biodiversity.

There will be cost implications for the Council to resurvey ecological sites.

Mr Cross said many studies show that the RMA does not protect biodiversity. The decline is a national and local problem; biodiversity is very hard to monitor. The NPS should help to resolve protection of biodiversity, but that he lacks confidence that this NPS would achieve that.

Cr Church asked about resourcing requirements coming out of the NPS, to which Mr Kilbride responded that there would definitely be resourcing issues as a result, but that it would be dealt with at the time.

Cr Lester asked whether the Council can state their intent to handle scenarios when they come up in order to protect our biodiversity. Mr Dougherty added that formulas already exist for offsetting, eventually that will become case law. If the Council makes a decision which is not in line with it, the Council would lose in court.

MOVED (Rowan/Wooding)

That the Committee views with concern the proposed National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity and approves the amended submission attached as Appendix A of report (SP-11-190).

CARRIED

MOVED (Rowan/Wooding)

That the Committee requests staff to draft a remit for submission to Local Government New Zealand expressing their concerns about the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity.

CARRIED

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CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR THE PERIOD JULY – DECEMBER 2011 (CORP-11-192)

MOVED (Lester/Lloyd)

That the Committee recommends to Council to approve the meeting schedule for the period July to December 2011.

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 12.20pm.

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Chairperson:

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Date: